

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
October 10, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session October 10, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas.

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge  
Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Paris Tillery, Marla White, Katie Elliott, Tim Dial, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Landon Ramsay, Susan Olsen, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Lillie Bush-Reves, Mark Gaddis, Don Johnstone, Mary Johnstone, Mary McLennan, Allen Fisher, Gary Morrow, Mike Rambin, Tom Austin, and Betty Austin.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 REGULAR SESSION AND THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AMEND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD NOMINEES – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion amend the nominees to the Franklin County Appraisal Board as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – SECOND READING: REPLAT LOT 365R-1 SNUG HARBOR ESTATES – MARY JOHNSTONE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of Lot 365R-1 of Snug Harbor Estates as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Plat Cabinet # 341B**

**Agenda Item 5 – SECOND READING: REPLAT LOTS 16R-3 AND 17R-2 BLOCK 60 SECTION IV KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – MARK AND JUDY GADDIS –**  
Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lots 16R-3 and 17R-2, Block 60, Section IV Kings Country. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Plat Cabinet # 341A**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON MOVING THE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FROM THE WINNSBORO NEWS TO THE MT VERNON NEWS – COUNTY JUDGE –** After discussion, Commissioner Emerson made a motion to move the newspaper of record from The Winnsboro News to The Mount Vernon News. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR 2024 FRANKLIN COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM – COUNTY JUDGE –** Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2024 Franklin County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program, and seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – C**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE NEW PART TIME CLERK POSITION FOR OSSF, EMC, AND FIRE MARSHALL – COUNTY JUDGE –** Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve a new part-time clerk position for the OSSF, EMC, and Fire Marshall, up to 28 hours per week. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM JAN ANDREWS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SHERIFF –** Commissioner Emerson made a motion to accept donations from Jan Andrews to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – D**

**Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PURCHASE OF 6 PORTABLE GENERATORS & 8 HOT SPOTS FOR ELECTION DAY LOCATIONS – COUNTY AUDITOR –** Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Amendment for the purchase of 6 portable generators and 8 hot spots for election day locations. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – E**

**Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH NACOGDOCHES COUNTY FOR HOUSING INMATES – SHERIFF –** Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County Inmate Housing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nacogdoches County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – F**

**\*Agenda Item 12 – moved to end of meeting**

**Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RESCIND BURN BAN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to rescind the burn ban. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – G**

**Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE COUNTY WIDE CLEAN-UP WEEK FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14-21, 2023 – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve County Wide Clean-up Week for the week of October 14-21, 2023, excluding Sunday. Hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND APPROVE QUOTES FROM ICON FOR PLUMBING UPGRADE TO THE 300 WING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL – SHERIFF** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the quotes from I-CON as presented for plumbing upgrades to the 300 wing of the Franklin County Jail. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – H**

**Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TEXAS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS FOR AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO REPAIR CITY STREETS (CARR ST.) – PCT. 1 JERRY COOPER AND COUNTY ATTORNEY** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution between the City of Mt. Vernon, Texas, and Franklin County, Texas, for an interlocal agreement to repair city streets (Carr St.), and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – I**

**Agenda Item 17 – CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY PCT. 1 AND THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TEXAS TO REPAIR CARR STREET – PCT. 1** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Work on City of Mount Vernon Roadways for repairs to Carr Street. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – J**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Lime for sports complex. Put on next agenda.

**\*Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO OPEN AND APPROVE BIDS FOR 2024 ROAD MATERIALS, CULVERTS, AND FUEL – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee opened bids received from:

- Winkle Oil Co., LLC – Winnsboro, TX
- Wilson Culverts, Inc. – Elkhart, TX
- Discount Culverts – Sulphur Springs, TX
- Burgin Pipe – Sulphur Springs, TX
- P2 Emulsion Plants, LLC – Elm Mott, TX
- Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. – Austin, TX
- Richard Drake Construction – Powderly, TX
- Quality Rock, Inc. – Idabel, OK
- Patriot Sand & Gravel – Scroggins, TX
- Brooksey Crow – Mt. Vernon, TX
- Seaton Construction – Cookville, TX

- R K Hall Materials, LTD – Paris, TX

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to accept the bids, and a second was made by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/10/2023 – K**

**Agenda Item 16 – ADJOURN** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on October 10, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 19th day of October, 2023.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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